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HOW DOLLAR MONEY IS USED

THE CHURCH LAW DEFINING ITS USE IS OPENLY VIOLATED

BISHOPS ARE ABOVE THE LAW

The Misappropriation of Funds.—Money Used for Personal Expenses.—Widows and Orphans Neglected.—The Way Out.

One of the wisest provisions for the support of the A. M. E. Church, is the Dollar Money law. Under this law, each minister is "To collect the sum of one dollar, from or for, each member of his church for the maintainence of the church treasury;" that is, the general church treasury. The law further stipulates that "It shall be the duty of the bishops and ministers to use the greatest possible diligence in collecting the money thus asked for." No law in the discipline is so rigidly enforced by the bishops on the ministers as is this one.

When this money reaches the annual conference, the law says it shall be divided as follows: 46 per cent. to the Financial Secretary; 10 per cent. to the Secretary of Church Extension; 8 per cent. to the Secretary of Education; and 36 per cent. to the conference finance committee.

Of the 46 per cent. which goes to the Financial Secretary the law specifies that it shall be used as *follows:*

1. "For the support of efficient and inefficient bishops.
2. For the salaries of general officers.
3. To aid the Publication Department.
4. To aid needy colleges.
5. To aid the cause of missions.
6. For the relief of widows and orphans of deceased ministers and bishops.
7. To aid the Church Extension society.
8. The balance shall constitute a chartered fund, the interest of which shall be used for the support of superannuated bishops and preachers, and widows and orphans of bishops and itinerant preachers."

Certainly this law appeals to all as a wise and humane regulation for the fostering of all the interests of the church, and, better still, caring for the worn out bishops and preachers and the widows and orphans of those who have given their lives for the church.

Now, of the 36 per cent. retained by the annual conference, the law specifies that the conference "shall appropriate the same to assist the widows and orphans of itinerant preachers, the worn out preachers, and those preachers who have not received their allowance." Surely between the general board and the annual conference finance committee, our worn out preachers, and our widows and orphans should be fairly well provided for, with all of this law in their favor. This is what we pastors must talk about when we want to inspire the people to pay their dollar money. But now we want to see how well this law is obeyed. In my first article I said that the Financial Board willfully and persistently violates the law. If I did not put it that strong then, I wish to put it that way now; especially since the Christian Recorder says my "general charges must fall unless sustained by direct specifications."

Now this money is used to pay the salaries of the bishops and such general officers as are specified in the discipline; but after that is done there seems to be no reference to the discipline in deciding what to do with the balance. For instance, in 1901, there was a world's meeting of Methodists in London and it was right that our church should be represented there, with all the other Methodist families. Every loyal African Methodist assents to this. But where shall the expense of the delegation come from? Not a department in the church has the money to spare. A few ministers could raise it from their congregations, some of the bishops could afford to go at their own expense. But no. We must have a large delegation and they must live high while in London. The Financial Board has money, intrusted to it by the people of the church with which to foster the departments of the church, and to care for the widows and orphans of itinerant preachers. So we will appoint each of the general officers a delegate, and that will close his mouth, and the poor worn out preachers and the widows and orphans can't make any fuss, anyhow; and we will appropriate $7600.00 of the dollar money for the support of nineteen delegates, ($400 00 each) for their trip to London. It must be remembered, also, that the board of each delegate was paid by the London church during the entire sitting of the conference. This I charge as a cold blooded "hold up" of the sacred funds of the church, and there is not one word of law to justify it. I have said this through the Christian Recorder more than a year ago, and no one has ever undertaken to answer my charge. Will some one assume the task now?

The year previous to this wholesale breach of trust, this same Financial Board purchased, or furnished the money to purchase a church in Chicago, known as the Institutional church. They bought this church for no other reason than to prevent the A. M. E. Zion church from getting it, as it was trying to do. We bought it when we did not have a single member to put in it, and when we already had Bethel, only eight gquares away, on which we owed fifteen thousand dollars, and Quinn Chapel, fourteen squares away on which we owed twenty-five thousand dollars. Now the thirty thousand dollars to pay for this Institutional church comes direct from the dollar money. Under what clause of the dollar money law, I ask, can money be taken to buy churches in Chicago, or anywhere else? Some one may try to say that this is assisting the church extension society, but it is not. The church extension society is to aid needy churches. Purchasing a new church where we already have more than we can pay for, is not aiding needy churches. Every dollar put into that church by the Financial Board was, and is a misappropriation, and a breach of trust.

This same Financial Board has purchased another building in Washington for, I believe thirty thousand dollars. Now they had a good four story building there, in which the secretary's office was, and where he resided. This, however, was not a corner building, though on a prominent street and only a few doors from the new building. The old building was not sold, but the new one is now occupied, by the secretary, where he hospitably entertains any preacher of the connection who applies. It is very nice, and kind in the board to thus provide a free hotel for all of us who wish to visit the capital. but where does the money come from? This same dollar money.

The building is to be paid for and ample appropriations are made for the support of this free hotel, out of the money that is given for the fostering of the departments, the support of the worn out preachers, and the widows and orphans of bishops and preachers. They may claim the right to do this under the lew providing that "The balance shall constitute a chartered fund." But this does not apply, because the "balance" clearly means after all of the preceeding specifications have been carried out. Has not the publication department been on the verge of collapse for years, and is just now beginning to breath a little free. During the very period covered by the above charges, the publication department has sometimes been practically closed. and yet this department is the first one that the Financial Department is to aid, after the salaries are paid.

Then look at our struggling colleges, not one out of debt, or even in such financial condition as to properly do the work they are intended to do. Not one theological seminary financially able to maintain a competent faculty. Where then is there any balance? Well I will let these specifications suffice, for the Financial Board at present, and we will see what goes goes with the thirty-six per cent retained in the conference,

On this point, the law specefies that "All proper allowances and claims of superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of deceased preachers shall have priority over all other claims on the conference thirty-six per cent." Notwithstanding this plain provision we hear Rev. Dr. T. W. Henderson, of New York, in the Christian Recorder of August 31, say "Don't you know a number of widows and orphans, and worn preachers who never get a cent of such money, or at best, a mere pittance, while the major part of said money is used for a dozen other purposes not specified by law?" It has been nearly six months ago since that scathing article came from the first Episcopal district, but to this date, I have seen no denial of the allegations nor will we see. Minutes from various parts of the connection are before me. and I see that instead of the conditions, in the New York conference being the exception, they are the rule, The last general conference sought to check one great source of misappropriation by providing that the Financial Secretary should pay each bishop $500 00 a year for the expense of his residence and his traveling to and from his annuel conferences. But notwithstahding this, several of the bishops continue to draw from the conference dollar money, from one to two hundred dollars per year for episcopal residence. In one conference

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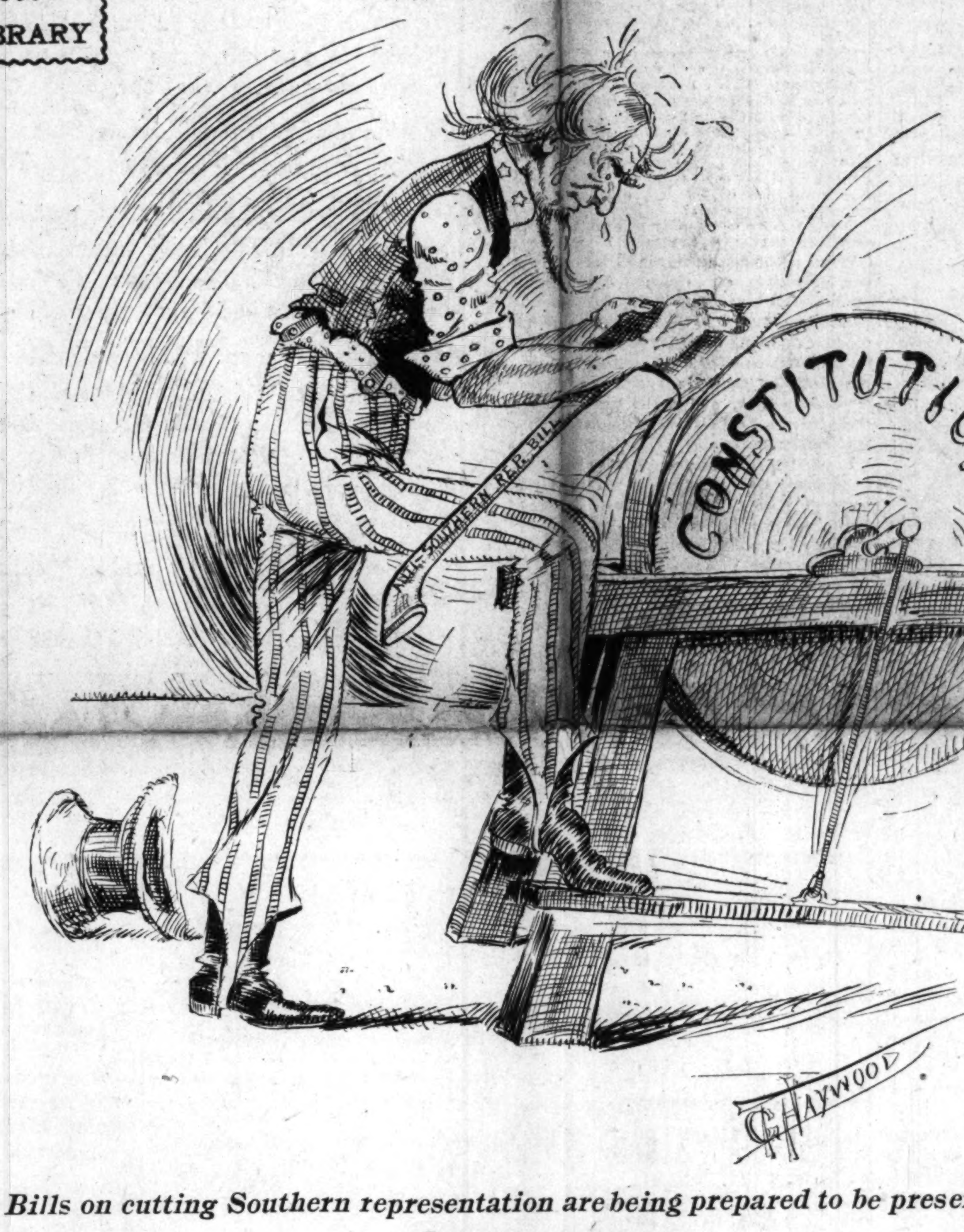
GETTING THE AX READY.



Bills on cutting Southern representation are being prepared to be presented to Congress soon.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

OUR CORRESPONDENT SPENDS THE WEEK "AT HOME"

FRANK FOWLER BROWN RECITAL

A Promising Hoosier Product to go Abroad.—Matters of Local Interest in and About Louisville.—Things Done in Short Meter.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—The spacious lecture room of the Church of Our Merciful Saviour was crowded to the doors last Wednesday evening with the beauty and fashion of the Kentucky metropolis. The elite turned out en masse to hear Mr. Frank F. Brown, the noted lyric tenor, who now may be said to lead the colored tenor singers of the country in volume of technique and liberal cultivation. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music, and has had as his instructors some of the nations most skillful voice builders and finished musicians. On this occasion the popular young Hoosier appeared to excellent advantage, and more than sustained the proud reputation that preceded him. The appreciation of the critical assembly was amply attested by the hearty applause which followed each rendition, and the repeated encores demanded. Mr. Brown's repertoire is large and varied, running the gauntlet of taste, from the severely classical to the simple favorites of the day, and he gave his admirers the fullest measure possible. In the parlance of the strict, he "delivered the goods." By special request Mr. Brown sang the offertory at the church's Sunday morning service. In May he goes to New York to sing a leading role with the Theodore Drury Opera Company, appearing in "Carmen" and "Aiela," and later in his plans include a trip to Europe to fill engagements in London, Paris and Berlin, and for additional study. At the Merciful Savior recital here, the efforts of Mr. Brown were ably supplemented by Misses Sophia E. Johnson, who charmingly sang a duet with him, and by Mrs. Lizzie B. Evans, soprano, and Miss Lucretia W. Gibson, dramatic reader. Mr. Carey B. Lewis was a graceful master of ceremonies. Rector Le Roy Furguson is doing a splendid work at the Church of Our Merciful Savior and is receiving many deserved encomiums at the hands of both Bishop Woodcock and his growing congregation.

IN SHORT METER

The Citizens' Lyceum has "turned up its toes."

Mr. Leonard Harris, of Indianapolis, has been in town.

The new addition to Central High School is nearing completion.

Two enjoyable theater parties saw "The Ham Tree" at McCauley's.

Mrs. Ella B Graham, a prominent worker in Jacob street Tabernacle, is on the sick list.

Miss Atholim Peyton entertained Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Frank Fowler Brown.

The local branch of the National Negro Business League is to be revived by S. W. Jordon.

Louisville will send a strong delegation to the Tuskegee quarto-centennial April 4th, 5th and 6th.

Mr. Carey B. Lewis was one of the speakers at the Douglass Day celebration in New Albany public schools on the 14th,

Dr. W. O. Vance, of New Albany, is at the Citizens' National Hospital, with a bad hand. Blood poising is threatened.

A bazar for the benefit of the Citizens' National Hospital is being held at the Church of Our Merciful Saviour this week.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs is in Washington. She addressed Bethel Literary and Historical Association Tuesday evening on "The Way Out."

The reception to Bishop G. W. Clinton on Monday evening at Broadway A. M. E. Zion Church, under the direction of Pastor R. S. Rives, was a brilliant affair,

The handsome new Central Colored Library, donated by Andrew Carnegie, is to be erected at the corner of 10th and Chestnut streets and will cost $25,000.

The irrepressible Charles Stewart, dean of the Colored Correspondents' Corps is

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY."

This column is devoted to the interests of women. Address all communications to the Woman's Department, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

THE WORLD IS A LOOKING-GLASS.

The world is a looking-glass,
Wherein ourselves are shown,
Kindness for kindness, cheer for cheer,
Coldness for gloom, repulse for fear—
To every soul its own
We can not change the world a whit,
Only ourselves which look in it
—SUSAN COOLIDGE

WOMEN AND PIOUS FRAUDS.

The condition of affairs relative to a pastor of a prominent church at Indianapolis and his behavior regarding a young girl of his congregation is causing much discussion just now from all sources. In an editorial in a race paper recently, the editor explains "How To Get Rid of Bad Preachers." He starts out with the following passages of scripture:

"Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak: but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

"And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."—I Cor. XIV, 34 35.

This he endorses most heartily and goes on to say that women are responsible for the maintaining and retention of moral lepers; that a woman is too sympathetic. She lets her sympathies take place of action and 'If the government of our churches was left exclusively to men we would have better churches and cleaner men filling our pulpits."

The summing up of the many things he says is this: Women support men who are moral lepers, who disgrace ignorant, motherless girls, under the disguise of religion. Women, upon whom rest the future of the church and state, tolerate men who claim to be God's servants, who are no less than the devil's own angels, to preach Christ and his teachings on Sunday in the church, preparing souls for Heaven, and in practice preparing souls for hell. Is it true that women are responsible? Yes, the blame is sadly theirs.

An investigation into the financial condition of all churches will prove without a doubt that the women are the main stay in the support. They labor from morning until night, over the wash-tub, ironing-table and in the school-room, working incessantly for the maintenance of the church. When the pastor of the congregation proves himself a pious fraud, a gospel wolf, then the women should refuse to foster an institution under such a monster, refuse flatly to pay him to demoralize the community, and there would be nothing left for him to no but to step down and out and seek other means of livelihood. It would be an easy matter to get rid of such rubbish, but as long as women, the pillars, hold up the guilty just so long will feminine humanity suffer insults and degradation from the impostors.

Women need not speak, only act and all will be well. It behooves them to take a deeper, heartfelt interest in each other. The older and experienced must throw an arm of protection around the orphan girl who may be on her way to ruin. Let your sympathies be with your own sex. It is said that such affairs are mutual. Perhaps so, in some cases. One's wrongs do not make another guilty one less wrong. But there can be no mutuality between a simple trusting child who is taught from babyhood to reverence the "pastor," and the scoundrel who seeks and accomplishes her ruin under the cloak of spiritual adviser and teacher.

When women wake up to their duty; when they realize that the humbug grafter and despoiler, who makes long prayers, is not His servant; when they know and acknowledge that a bad man is dangerous whether he is a preacher or a murderer; when they make up their minds that they will be a protection to their own sex, then and not until then will the character of innocent girls be safe.

The men keep saying, "Don't pay any attention to Tom Dixon, Jr., don't give him any advertising in our papers," but still they continue to talk. It reminds me of an acquaintance of mine. If you are talking, she will say, "Wait a minute, just hold your point," and she will go on talking, which is equal to 'you stop talking and let me talk."

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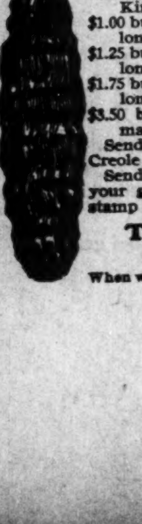

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES

A Booker T. Washington demonstration took place February 13, at Jersey City, N. J. Bishop Alexander Walters presided.

According to report a number of students of Talladega College, of Talledega Miss., "struck" because a white man was added to the faculty.

Claflin University, Orangeburg, S C., one of the largest schools under the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, recently closed its twenty second consecutive annual revival, lasting eight days, with 144 conversions. During the twenty-two years, about 2 500 have been converted and many more established in the faith. Fully ninety per cent of the 700 students are professing Christians.

Dr. John Gordon, the retiring president of Howard University, Washington, D. C, was recently presented with a cane of African mahogany and sea lion ivory by five African boys in whom he had taken unusual interest. The doctor is preparing to make a trip to Africa, and will visit Jerusalem, Switzerland and other places of note.

The third annual financial statement of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute sets forth the accomplishments of the past year, its needs and future aims. The institution is styled the Tuskegee, of Mississippi, basing claim to title on the fact of similar work. It has the unique distinction of having begun under the shade of an oak tree, owing to lack of another suitable place. Prof. W. Holtzclaw is principal and secretary.

"The South has borne with ignorant unskilled labor with patience. This it seems to me has been due to the supposed cheapness of this unskilled labor; but the South is beginning to see that such labor is, in the long run, the most costly. She is therefore clearly seen to be growing restless, looking here and there for skilled laborers and intelligent workmen. She does not seem to be very certain as to what she wants or how to obtain her wants, but still it is certain that she is determined to have a better class of workmen from somewhere and in some wry. The field is still open for the Negro. Notwithstanding his shortcomings, the white men prefer him to all others, and whenever he can do the work, he unusually gets the opportunity."—From the Utica Normal and Industrial Statement.

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Dr. M. A. Majors, whose "Major Melange" has scored a world of success in the many past years that it has appeared in this paper, will continue to brighten these columns with his very interesting lines.

Some of our columns will also be devoted to the best interests of the Head, Second and Side Waiters. These columns will be purely an education to the up-to-date waiter of the day.

The Woman's World, which has been so well recieved by our readers, will be a splendid feature in 1906. "Dorothy's" power as a writer of the womankind has become the equal of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox in mark of beauty. A woman who read an article in the proofs for the Woman's World, said: "Until now I never had any but a confused idea of what our women are doing and of what they could do to better their condition."

The World of Sports will be well taken care of by Mr. John L. Footslug, who has been right in the midst of it for years. Every kind of sport known will appear in these columns.

The Stage will come in for a great share of praise in the next twelve months. It will be prettily illustrated. Newsy letters of the stage from New York, Chicago and other cities will appear each week. The Freeman's Gallery, a newly added feature, will also appear. Brief reviews will be published from the pen of Messrs. Carle B. Cooke, Sylvester Russell and others.

The Art Department will be well cared for by our able cartoonist, Mr. Garfield T. Haywood, who is at its head. Perhaps there are few young men who have gained more prominence than Mr. Haywood, through his remarkable talent as a cartoonist. This office has been deluged with letters praising his work. It is the intention of the management to steadily improve in the next twelve months, in our department of art.

The "Top o' the Week" column, conducted by Mr. Charles Marshall, will continue to sparkle more than ever with bubbling wit and humor. He will constantly contribute for the benefit of the wise and the unwise.

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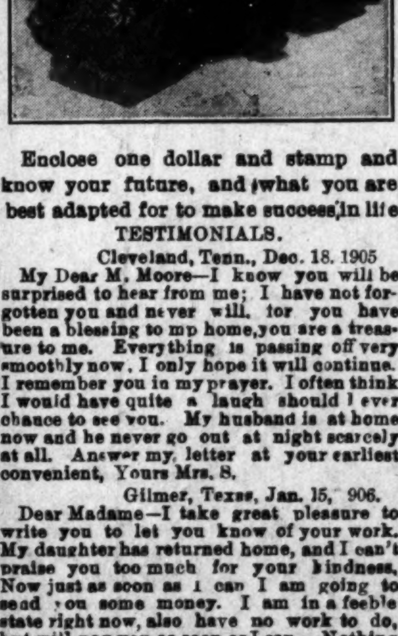

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Gilmer, Texas, Jan. 15, 906.
Dear Madame—I take great pleasure to write you to let you know of your work. My daughter has returned home, and I can't praise you too much for your kindness. Now just as soon as I can I am going to send you some money. I am in a feeble state right now, also have no work to do, but will pay you as soon as I can. Nothing more. Yours, Mrs M. J.

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Don't be too dignified.

Don't forget to polish your shoes

Don't use any favoritism or partiality.

Don't carry favor with any one; be frank and honest.

Don't wear dirty linen as your guests may become disgusted

Don't forget that you are working for the proprietor of the hotel and not the guests.

Don't show any partiality in serving your guests for it will cause the guests to complain.

Don't pick a conversation with the guest, but answer all questions politely and say no more.

Don't slight your branch work or expect your headwaiter to extend to you too many favors.

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Don't take the bill-of-fare or anything from in front of a guest without politely excusing yourself.

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The Fairbanks presidential boom is looking up and Indianians are correspondingly rejoiced there at.

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Yellow journalism is on the rampage in both races, but no casualties have happened to any of the intended victims as yet.

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The next time Congressman Heflin engages a sleeping car berth for Washington he will see to it that no colored gentleman of the same name beats him to it

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With Russia "in bad," and Morocco the subject of an international wrangle, bookbinders will have to fall back for the time being upon half calf, vellum or cloth.

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The President has "shown" the Hon. J. Milton Turner several times that the office of Recorder of Deeds is not for him. The Hon. Mr. Turner is from Missouri.

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Ben Tillman's latest outbreak in the Senate demonstrates that the obstreperous South Carolinian is a versatile being. He can make an ass of himself on other subjects than the race problem

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At this writing, that sun-crowned apostle of the philosophy of hustle, Col. J. E Bush of Arkansas, is "feeling rather pert, thanky'e sir," his friends—the enemy—to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A $3,000,000 endowment fund for Tuskegee is not an impossibility at the rate the fund is increasing, and the great meeting at Carnegie Hall in New York shows that interest in the massive institution is not on the wane.

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The birthday of General Robert E Lee will never be made a national day of memorial. Fred Grant's mawkish sentimentality won't make a hit with the boys in blue who sacrificed so much that this Union might be preserved to their posterity.

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The recent circular letter from the president of the National Negro Business League is stimulating the local leagues in many sections of the country. The life of the National body must necessarily reside in the actual results achieved by the local branches.

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To those who were fortunate enough to crowd into Carnegie Hall, New York, on the night of Jan 22, when Choate, Ogden, Mark Twain and Schieffelin spoke for Tuskegee and its principal, there would have been no question as to the identity of the real leader of the Negroes of this country.

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German girls are among the best workers in the world, but they were never cut out to serve in the white families of the South. The Atlanta experiment is a fore-ordained failure. After a week's trial, "Missus" will be more than glad to get her colored girl back again.

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In raising upwards of $2,000,000 for the protection of their suffering brethren across the sea the Jews in this country offer the Negro an object lesson that ought to strike home with an emphasis that would wake up the entire race to a determination to do likewise. The world delights in helping those who are willing to make sacrifices to help themselves.

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Vice-president Fairbanks' house rent in Washington costs him $11 000 per annum. To a man-up-a-tree it looks as if it would pay the eminent Indiana statesman to buy himself a tidy little cottage somewhere in the suburbs of the capital, convenient to the Senate Chamber and the car lines—at least until the time comes to move into the "White House"

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We doubt very much if Luke E Wright's hot southern blood will come any nearer brooking social equality with the little yellow men of Japan than it did in mixing up with the little brown men of Manila. When a duly accredited representative of the American government is so plainly the victim of a narrow race prejudice, it is difficult to say just where he could be fitted in with any certainty of giving satisfaction to a square dealing chief executive like Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Wright is a misfit, and his name is a misnomer.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

That C. C. Antoine was elected State Senator of Louisiana in 1870.

That H. R. W. Johnson was elected to the Presidency of Liberia in 1884.

That Richard T. Greener is considered to be the most accomplished Negro scholar.

That the real name of "Blind Tom," the great pianist, is Thomas Green Bethune.

That William Wells Brown wrote the most thrilling romance ever written entitled "Clotelle."

That Toussaint L'Ouverture was the only general who ordered his nephew to be shot for disobeying orders.

That B. K Bruce made a speech in the Senate chamber composed of one sentence, which was wired all over the country

That James M. Townsend was appointed auditor of the general land office. Washington, D C, by President Harrison.

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IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.....

By JOHN L. FOOTSLUG.

Local sports along the coast are now wondering if it be a fact that Jimmy Britt is really afraid to fight Joe Gans. Several days ago some two or three San Francisco daily papers came out with a statement to the effect that Britt has become very larry of Gans since his recent fight with Twin Sullivan. The statement made by Gans that he would whip Britt within twenty rounds at 133 pounds and then, after an hour's rest, do likewise to Battling Nelson, put a scare on these two pugs that will never come off, and now all the fight followers are praising Gans for his gameness He is the lion of the fighters' world.

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Kid Byrd, the clever little lightweight of Indianapolis, Ind., has been matched to fight Jimmy Ballinger of Louisville, Ky, ten rounds before the Indianapolis Athletic Club on Friday night, March 2 The fighters are to weigh at Realty Hall on North street at 8 o'clock on the day of the fight 122 pounds. Kid Hogan and Phil Schobs will also meet on that night.

It is stated that Morris Levy, manager of the Hayes Valley Club of San Francisco, Cal., has wired Aurelio Herrera, the terrible Mexican fighter, offering to match him with Joe Gans at 133 pounds at 6 o'clock He wants Herrera for the month of March attraction. It is said that he is most likely to accept. The Mexican is now in Bakersfield, Cal., resting up for his coming battle with Nelson in Los Angeles, Cal.

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Benny Yanger has been matched to meet Tommy Murphy at Philadelphia to-night and possibly Kid Herman at Grand Rapids, Mich., at a later date.

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Sunday base ball in Columbus, Ohio, is under ban. Governor Pattison informed the American Association, last week, that Sunday playing must cease. Heretofore Indianapolis has been the only city in the American League to which a ban on Sunday base ball was placed.

AN AFRO-AMERICAN TOWN.

Relative to the organization of an Afro-American town, in New York, Ernest Hogan, one of the promoters gave the following information to a New York daily recently:

"For several years I have had the idea of purchasing a large tract of land on the shore of Long Island Sound, preferably on Long Island, and dividing it up into building lots, upon which the better class of colored people could build homes. While the idea seems to meet with approval wherever it was mentioned, the financial question was not as readily solved as could be desired. To secure such a tract as I have in mind means an outlay of a large sum of money, and to lay sewers, gas pipes, graded streets and otherwise build up an ideal town out of waste land would mean the investment of a considerable amount of money. Accordingly, I am now having incorporated a company for the purpose of selling stock to any and all of the colored citizens of this section of the country who may desire to build a home among their own people

"I have already selected a site and if satisfactory terms can be made, we will have a place where we have our own yacht club and landing, theatre, library, town hall and all such other buildings as are to be found in every well regulated town in which the whites, predominate. We will have our own police force, justices, newspaper and local transportation lines. In fact, it will be exclusively and distinctively an Afro American town.

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OUR PREACHERS.

The Freeman desires to be understood in what it may say about our preachers and churches, locally or otherwise. As to our regard for the men generally, who compose the ministry, and for the profession itself, we have only the most kindly feeling and the highest respect, and we believe the entire race indebted to them. The good they have done cannot be computed. To no other cause do we owe so much as to the preachers in guiding the race along the path of progress. Heaven only knows how we should have done without their help. But all the good that has come from this source has come from the good preacher whose life, conduct and precipt made a voice that cried out in the wilderness of our confusion—"prepare ye the way of the Lord and make His paths straight." Of such as these we have no harsh word. But there are others, and for these we have neither time, patience or respect. Nor do they deserve it. Of all sinners they are the worst. No gambler or saloon keeper is so injurious to a community as one such preacher.

There are few people whose churches lie so closely to the home as do ours. There are many families to which their church is their other home. It not only furnishes them a place for religious worship, but its fairs, socials, concerts, etc., makes of it their only diversion from work and household care Thus we come so under its influence that we must be affected by that influence and should be interested in having it maintain the highest moral standard, both for the good of ourselves and our children. And how can this be done if we are to support at its very head one whom we know to be morally bad? If the head of a church is not itself moral how can it teach morality? Who can be influenced for good through the teaching or preaching of such as he? What right have such men to put themselves on a community right at the head of its most sacred institution? Ah, the blame of it, and the shame of it, that such brazen impudence should be tolerated even for a day!

There is a wave of reform passing over the country. Men who have made a business of corrupting the public conscience in order that they might gather unto themselves their millions of illgotten gain are being hunted down. The demagogue in politics is being denounced. A revival of civic righteousness is in progress. The moral element in life is being stimulated, and evil is being repressed for the good of the individual, the community and the race in general. Now, what part can the rascal in the pulpit play in this helpful work? If the head of a church cannot set the example of right conduct, what may be expected of others?

It is well known by all that the influence of these is like that of a poisonous vine—it corrupts those who come in contact with it and leaves its poison in the air to be breathed by those who come near it.

It has been many a day since the daily press of this city gave such a "square deal" to the colored man and so many hard jolts to the Bourbon element of the South as was called forth by the visit of "The Clansman." In reading these numerous editorials it makes one half regret that the play did not come sooner.

Bishop Turner's denunciation of the country and the flag may serve as a means of giving vent to righteous indignation, but it can serve no other useful purpose. Such intemperate sayings injure rather than help the cause he would serve.

We have on file a lengthy interview of one Edward E. Lowe published in the Fort Worth Record. It dwells on the race question in Indianapolis. Mr. Lowe is spoken of as connected with the Star League and living in Indianapolis. But to make himself agreeable he out Herods Herod in his misrepresentations and denunciations. It is the same old story over again of truckling and fawning to the weakness of the South. He admits that there are exceptions to his charges, but does so only after repeated offenses to all.

A body of ministers in this city passed resolutions condemning the immoral preacher whose conduct brought reproach upon the church and community. This was the correct thing to do. These men were not included in the denunciation of bad preachers. They take the only logical and sensible stand for clean ministers to take. Such men know that they cannot afford to apologize for the rascals of their profession.

When Satan was cast out of heaven he dragged a part with him. In like manner, when the fat preacher was cast out, he took a part of the membership, and now we are to have another Baptist church. One more church is thus put upon the community to beg money for a building it would not need if these deluded supporters would only shake him off and continue their worship in the home they have already helped to pay for.

Rev. James A. Parker of Beaumont, Texas, has an idea which he thinks will put the race well along toward the front. It is that some man in whom the whole race has confidence be selected and that each Afro-American send him one dollar. With these nine million dollars, it is argued, that he can do great things. We have no doubt whatever about the latter part of the statement.

Rev. H. C. C. Astwood has got himself into trouble for "a malicious and slanderous article" appearing in the Defender of August, 1905.

We have noted that the Defender supported the gang that was cast out at the last election. It is not surprising that one who could support those boodlers should strike a snag sooner or later.

Tom Dixon asks the question—"What shall we do with the Negro?" The Cleveland Journal is now inviting responses to the question—"What shall we do with Tom Dixon?"

Our answer to both questions is—let him alone.

The "heathen chinee" is a very impudent fellow. He does not seem willing to let the Caucasian run his country. We are sorry that China has not the military strength to either enforce respect for her laws and customs or else drive away those who violate them.

A foreign dispatch says:

"Immediately behind the hearse was led King Christian's favorite riding horse, Jussuf, which was shot after the funeral according to the ancient Danish custom."

So it used to be a custom of certain Indians to kill a dog when an Indian died. There is quite a resemblance between the civilized barbarian and the other kind.

Any preacher who possess the qualifications to represent Christ would rather quietly resign than disrupt a church. The determination to hang on at all hazards is nothing less than brazen impudence that shows unfitness.

Senator Lafollette of Wisconsin has already paid for his election to the Senate by preventing that attempted fifty million dollar steal from the Indians.

Yes, we believe a remark which we recently heard to be a true one—'There are jack-leg churches as well as jack-leg preachers.

We confess that we never did have very much faith in the boy-preacher business any way. Now we have lass of it.

The Anglo Saxon in America is possessed of no greater delusion than the belief that he knows the Negro

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Now that the wedding is over the readers of newspapers hope to find some news and a needed rest.

The ship subsidy steal has passed the Senate which was according to expectation.

Something more than a coat with fifty buttons is needed to make a preacher.

People are known by the kind of postcards they buy.

A WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN.

Vivid Description of an Illinois Real Estate Dealer.

A. Morris Williams, the boy real estate dealer of Springfield, Ill., began his business career at the age of twelve years by saving the pennies he made repairing shoes in his father's shop at Hampton, Va. At the age of sixteen years he organized the Douglass Building, Loan and Investment Association, which is still doing a prosperous business. Hearing of the great inducements offered colored business men in this part of the country, he resolved, three years ago, to try his luck in the West, and, together with his young wife, he moved and located at Springfield. Since coming to this city he has more than doubled his wealth; is doing a prosperous business in his line; owns more than $30,000 worth of real estate in this city. It is said by people who are on to the game that Mr. Williams has made some of the most complicated real estate deals ever made in Springfield. White real estate dealers who have made a "good thing" of our race for the past forty years met their superior when they tried to "down" Mr. Williams. He is a lawyer and has studied the business since a lad and is on to all of the tricks in the trade. He makes a specialty of real estate loans and contracting. The Williams building located near the corner of Eleventh and Washington Sts. is an up-to-date three story brick bearing the builder's name and is a credit to the race. When The Freeman reporter called on Mr. Williams recently he found him busy in his office During the interview the conversation drifted into the race question, he is a great race man and is sincerely in love with anything to better the condition of his people. Mr. Williams is 26 years of age.

GEORGE H. JONES.

A. MORRIS WILLIAMS.

A MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

A commendable effort is that which proposes to preserve the memory of Frederick Douglass and Paul Lawrence Dunbar by erecting a suitable memorial. In every city of the country, of any size, there is a memorial erected to the memory of some white man who has won distinction in either war or peace, but the distinguished dead of the Negro race of America are forgotten so far as a memorial to their memory is concerned. This desire to preserve the memory of Frederick Douglass and Paul Lawrence Dunbar to the generations yet to come may be attributed to the Douglass-Dunbar Memorial Association. Hon. John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds, says:

"I am in perfect sympathy with the object of the great undertaking, and think the memorial should be here (Washington) at Cedar Hill, and that statutes of both men should be erected in a great memorial building on that site where all visitors to the capital could behold them."

Similar sentiments are expressed by many others in different parts of the country.

A memorial commission, with whom will rest the power to determine what form the memorial shall take, whether a memorial building or a monument, and where to be located has been named, consisting of Hon. John C. Dancy, Prof Kelly Miller and Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C., Bishop Grant of Indianapolis, Bishop Walters of Jersey City, N. J., General Robert Smalls of North Carolina, Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, Charles W. Anderson of New York, Dr. R. C. Hansen of Boston, Prof. W. E. Dubois of Atlanta, Prof. J. McHenry Jones of Institute, W. Va., John Mitchell of Richmond, Va., J. C. Napier of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Jorden of Louisville, Ky., Hon. H. C. Smith of Cleveland and Hon. George W. Hayes of Cincinnati.

Hon. J. C. Napier, president of the Penny Savings Bank of Nashville, Tenn., has been named as treasurer and Ralph W. Tyler of the Ohio State Journal at Columbus, Ohio, secretary.

It is proposed that this be made the greatest epoch in the history of the race since the emancipation. Every Negro man, woman and child in America should lend an effort to the consumation of this great object. The secretary will acknowledge promptly all contributions, and it is intended that every donor be sent a souvenir certificate, setting forth his contribution, which may be preserved. The investment of a hundred thousand dollars in a lasting monument to Douglass, that heroic figure of our earlier days who blazed the way for the race's present advancement, and Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the poet, whose genius was made possible by such men as Douglass would be a mighty incentive to the young of this and future generations. Do you love your race, and your men and women who have achieved something for the race? If so now is the time to show it, for too long has it been said that the race is unappreciative of the race's own.

Columbus, Ohio.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS.

J. E. Benjamin, a colored lawyer, will stand for a nomination for Justice of Peace.

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Joseph Broyles of the Clerk's office will engage in the fish business. Mr. Broyles has been in the business before.

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Lew Shank, present county recorder, is mentioned to succeed himself. It is due Mr. Shank to say that he has shown appreciation of the colored voters.

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Harry Wallace, former deputy in Recorder's office is a candidate for the recordership.

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Mayor Bookwalter seems to have given satisfaction in the quality of his colored appointees; quantity, however, is said to be lacking.

HOW DOLLAR MONEY IS USED.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

of the fifth district, I see that the three superanuated preachers received altogether the magnificent sum of seventy-five dollars, while the bishop received one hundred and forty dollars for his residence, and a visiting bishop, twenty five dollars for traveling expenses. Over three hundred dollars, legally belonging to the widows, orphans, superannuated preachers and missionary preachers, and missionary was misappropriated by that conference.

Passing over the fourth episcopal district, where the same illegal practice prevails, and much other evidence before me, I put a general officer on the stand, Dr. W H. Heard, who travels all over the connection. In the Christian Recorder January 25, Dr. Heard says: "The conditions in the A. M. E. church are apprehensive in many states The leaders are narrow and only dicker with the bishops by appropriating one or two hundred dollars for their personal expenses. * * * Men will appropriate two or three hundred collars contrary to law, and throw a sop of five dollars at the general officers present." Where did the two or three hundred dollars come from? Invariably from the dollar money. Dr. Heard had visited Florida, Mississippi and Alabama conferences when he wrote those words. Well, the plain truth is that there are only a few districts in which the dollar money is distributed in the conferences according to law. One of those districts, I am happy to say, is the twelfth, in which I have the good fortune to serve, and over which that stalwart character Bishop James A Handy presides. The minutes of our conferences show that not a dollar was appropriated except by the strictest application of the law. It would be interesting to know just how many conferences can say the same, and submit their minutes for inspection. I have not time to go into the evidence against those big conferences, which, for some strange reason, do not publish minutes, for I only state such things as I can easily prove.

Now to sum up the evidence submitted, the facts stand undeniable, that much of the dollar money is grossly misused. The money which the people give for the support of widows, orphans and worn out preachers, is used for any other purpose that the Financial Board and the bishops may wish, even to taking European junkets, and meeting the running expenses of the houses of some of the bishops.

Now in view of this fact, how can we as honest ministers of God, ask the people to give dollar money any longer, unless we have a public acknowledgement of their wrong by these controlling parties and a public pledge that the money hereafter, will be used according to law. This would be rather humiliating, but sin always humiliates, and it is the only way to restore confidence, It would require the disposal of the institutional church, Chicago, and the second building at Washington, also the closing of the free hotel, or at least no more appropriations for its support Honesty requires of those bishops who have taken dollar money from their annual conferences, for episcopal residence, traveling expenses, telegrams and postage, etc, since May 1904 to return every cent of the same. They knew when they took it, that it belonged to the widows, orphans, worn out preachers; and yet they took it in the face of the widow and the orphan How dare they call themselves ministers of God, much less bishops of God's heritage? No wonder that bishop Turner, in a recent issue of "The Voice of The People" says "The bishops of the A. M. E. Church, with but few exceptions, feel themselves above law; they have paid but little respect to the book of Discipline, or to any act of the General Conference." Bishop Turner, being the senior bishop, and the president of the House of Bishops, must know what he is talking about, and yet, what can he do to change this lawlessness of the bishops?

Bishop Turner is powerless, but the people are not. They are demanding reform and they will have it, for they furnish the money to run the church.

What shall be done?

1. The bishops should jointly agree and publish to the world their agreement to transfer no preacher from any conference against whom there are any accusations of crime, until the accusations have been fully investigated and the bishop, himself is fully satisfied of the groundlessness of his complaints.

2. That when they know personally of the intemperance, or immorality of a preacher, though he is not convicted in the due forms of the law, he, the bishop will reduce him in his appointment.

3. That they, the bishops, will return to their respective conferences any money which they have received for episcopal residence, traveling expenses, telegrams and postage, or other personal expenses since May 1904, such money having been received in express violation of the law passed by the General Conference in Chicago in May 1904; and further that they will no longer receive such money, but will see that all dollar money at the annual conferences is appropriated according to the discipline.

The Financial Board, which meets in April should acknowledge its violations of the law in the past and agree:

1. That hereafter, all money coming into its hands shall be appropriated as the law in the discipline specifies and in no other way.

2. That the Board will dispose of all surplus property purchased from the Dollar funds, and return the money thus obtained to the funds from which it has been illegally taken.

If these things are done, there is hope; if not then this great Dollar Money fund will become a thing of the past.

D. A. GRAHAM,

Detroit, Mich.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

(Continued from First Page.)

"doing" the Tuskegee Farmers' Conference this week, is headed toward Louisville—"home."

Miss Julia A. Brown, an Indianapolis belle, has been spending a few days with friends here and is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Grace Lucas Thompson, of New Albany.

D. L. Knight, the lightning transfer man, and a leading business factor, has purchased a fine string of horses for service. The Times published a good picture of Mr. Knight last issue.

The Danville Torchlight is "down on" Rev. J. E. Ford, the newly elected president of the State University. Editor Word says Dr. Ford is a "pedo-Baptist"—whatever that is—and practices alien baptism. Editor Steward, of the American Baptist, however, vouches for the acceptability of the president elect.

R. W. THOMPSON.

SOUTH CAROLINA SIFTINGS

No state in the Union is more noteworthy than this. From the mountains to the marshes there is a change of views and climate that one would have to travel many miles to see in any other part of the world. The people too, are as diversified as the soil. The mountaineer, is as free as his native air, generous beyond his means and impatient under restraint. The islander and coast dweller are easy going, fond and thoughtless. Securing their living largely from the sea, their thoughts do not move landward, and political or social questions are of little concern. But South Carolina is not all mountains and marsh. The State has produced many of the greatest men of both races. The good and the bad are both here; the good encouraged by both races and the bad despised by each. The criminal classes are not committing any new crimes, while home buying and building are both at high-tide. Aiken, the winter resort of many rich Northerners, is the home of many deserving Negroes.

Stoney & Anderson do first class tailoring business. They have among their customers the richest people of the town. Both of the gentlemen have homes in close keeping with the progress of the town. Murray, McGhee, Scott, Johnson, Smith, Spencer & Son, Eubanks, Perry, Ball, Graham, Williams and Mitchell are all painstaking, progressive business men. Murray & McGhee are grocers; Scott is an "up-to-now" plumber; Johnson, a harness maker; Smith owns one of the finest smith and shoeing houses to be found in the State; Spencer & Son are shoemakers; Perry is in the wood and coal business and is high in political circles; Ball, Graham and Harrison are contractors and builders, and Mitchell a baker. These gentlemen are all men of means and refinement.

Aiken, however is more fortunate, in her leading men in church circles. Dr. Raiford, pastor of the Baptist church, is known to every intelligent Baptist in the country. He is a regular contributor to the National Baptist Sundayschool literature. Dr. Raiford is one of the great ones in our church and a credit to all the people. Dr. Cole of the Presbyterian church is a gentleman, a scholar and a theologian. Dr. Cole's school in Aiken is one of the features of the city. His buildings are in keeping with the growth of the city. I shall say more of Dr. Cole's work later. Rev, Brown is pastor of the M. E. church, Now, Rev. Brown is a young man, but a gentleman of great attainments. His power of description reminds one of Talmage. Brown excites and hold the respect of all classes.

Rev. Albany, pastor of the A. M. E. is a leader both safe and sane. A gentleman of ability and earnest in the work of uplifting his people. Among other things may be counted the high home life of Aiken. There are more fine homes owned by Negroes in Aiken than in any town of its size in the country. I have seen a great deal of Negro push and hustle in other sections, but no place pleases me more than Aiken, S C. Prof. Peter's school at Graniteville is something to be proud of. It is the creation of his own mind and hands Revs Boykin and Moss are pillars of great strength to their people. Both of them show great interest in The Freeman and its work. Prof Nicholson. president of Battles College is a worker who needs not be ashamed, I shall say something in my next issue say of his great work there. Scoffield, the Industrial School of Aiken is doing a great good. Its founder and present president, Mrs. Scofield is giving her time and talent to improve the race. It would require a mightier pen than mine to tell how much praise she deserves. Dr. Johnson has a fine practice, while Dickerson and Jones are respected at the bar.

WANDERER.

SUPERIOR, WIS.

Mrs. Greyson, caretaker of the Commercial Club has been ill.—Rev. A. C. Oglesby preached an interesting sermon last Sunday, subject, "The Christian Light." Prayer-meeting Friday evenings at 8:30; Literary every Tuesday evening, 8:30 at 1716 Banks avenue. Mrs A. C. Oglesby attended the first anniversary of the Afro-American Women's Federation of Minnesota, at St Paul. She was the guest of Mrs. Hickman. Mrs. Gross was also in attendance.

MUSKOGEE, I. T.

I. M. Slowdragger met with a serious accident February 10 while returning from town. His horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him from his buggy, breaking his left leg and other smaller injuries, An eye of one of the horses was put out and his buggy demolished. The physicians hope for his early recovery.

LOST RELATIVES.

I woud like to know the whereabouts if alive of John Bowman, James Bowman, Housseen Bowman. They were born in Mt. Laurel, Va. Housseen Bowman last heard of in St. Louis, Mo. They are the sons of Phillip and Easter Bowman. Any information of the above will be thankfully received by Richard Bowman, 1813 12th street, Superior, Wis.

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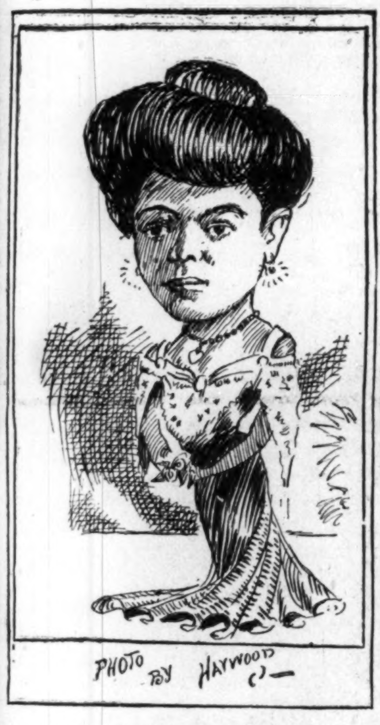
Williams & Stevens, travesty artists stil in vaudeville, filled two weeks' engagements at Peoria, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis., respectively recently. Later at the Globe Theatre Chicago. Regards to Sidney Perrin, Green and the Allen bunch.

Some manager has a good paying position for you, and he wishes to locate you. Information of yourself in the Managers and Actor's Directory of The Freeman would enable him to find you without any delay.

THE FREEMAN GALLERY.



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Our hearts fill with glad merriment,
O queen of song and "smile,"
Your notes ring so blithely eloquent
That we live in rapture the while.

As you sing
We listen and we joy to gaze
At you making your sweet tones,
But you fairly put us in a daze
When we view your glittering stones.
—CHARLES MARSHALL.

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A Rabbit's Foot Co.: Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 22 to April 2.

Billy Kersands' Minstrels: Easton, Pa., Feb. 26; Allentown, 27; Reading, 28.

Smart Set Company: Philadelphia, Pa., week of Feb. 26.

Williams & Walker: New York City, indefinite.

Frank Mahara's Minstrels: Tecumseh, Okla., Feb. 26.

Gideon's Hot Time In Coontown; Piqua, O., Feb. 24.

Proctor's Original "Arkansaw" Minstrels: Natchez, Miss., week of Feb. 26.

Mallory Bros and Brooks, assisted by Miss Grace Halliday: Hamersteins Victoria, New York City, week of Feb. 26.

Harry A. Brown, Singing Cartoonist: Proctor's Theater, New York City, week of Feb. 26.

Rockwell's Sunny South Co.: Watkins, N. Y., Feb. 24.

Raleigh W. Thompson has written a new hit. He is doing well in the Northwest and sends regards to all friends.

Notes from J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South.—We are just finishing a tour of Pennsylvania and we are now on our way to the New England States. Our concert band under the management of Louie Belford, never fails to let the citizens know we are in town. Our orchestra directed by Oscar Alix always makes our audience happy. Our first part which seryes to introduce our plantation singers and dancers is a screamer from start to finish. Our all star olio is very fine. Montrose Douglass, the cycle king, the nonpareil artists, James and Louise Turner go to make up a grogram that is hard to beat. Our business is uniformly good and the "man in white" comes every Suuday. Manager Rockwell is very proud of his show. We will open under canvas early in June.

Notes from the Nichols Amusement Company.—The Nichols rag-time opera is sending them out screaming all through the west. Simon Jones is doing fine. Harry Robison, the Florida orange blossom is cleaning up wilh his new monologue and singing, "Give Me Back My Fifteen Cents." Miss Ray Edwards is making a hit with "Who Are They?" and Josephine Smith in "Every Little Bit Helps." Mrs. Maud Butler is taking the house in "What You Gwine Do When the Rent Comes 'Round." Everybody is pleased with Charles Smith's rendition of "Clover." The Glynn Cornet Band, of Brunswick, Ga, under the management of Prof. W. Timmons is furnishing music for the entire company and are giving perfect satisfaction. The company sends regards to all friends.

Harry Royston writes from Knoxville, Tenn.—I closed with the Dan Robinson Carnival Company after a fairly successful season, handling novelties, and I am now engaged in my old business making and selling hot tamales and red hots and doing fairly well. I have recently received a letter from J. Harry Martinett, business manager of the three Nellos, musical artists, stating that they are doing nicely at London, Eng. George McDade, the boy cornetist is spending the winter here with his parents. Charlie Scott, formerly a member of the band with A Rabbit's Foot and Rusco & Holland's shows is doing well in the saloon business. Best regards to McDade, Willie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Allen of the Wild West Show with Robinson's Carnival Company, the Plantation Show, Hngh Hancock and little George.

Notes from New Orleans Minstrels.—We have played the Western coast and will go on the East after three more stands. The show is doing a good business. Moore & Vaughn are cleaning up singing "Obadiah" and "On Yo' Way;" Watts & Smith are still receiving scores of applause. J. B. Norton is cleaning up with "Farewell, That Means Good-Bye." J. N. Williams is making it hard far all comers; Dennis with his side-splitting monologue is winning all along the route. T. J. Dickson, solo clarionet player sends regards to Prof. Wolfscales and Robert Gant. P. L. Jenkins is now playing in the orchestra and wishes to hear from Wm. Thomas and Prof. W. L. Jackson, write care of The Freeman. Billy Watts sends regards to Charles Burton. Thomas Dickson was called to his home at Orangeburg, S. C., on account of the death of his mother. The work of W. A. Dotson, scenic artist speaks for itself, which was designed by George Jackson. C. H. McKinzie, the contortionist joined at Dunnellon, Fla., and is making a big hit. He sends regards to J. Lewis Johnson Richard Burrow, the clever Southern lad of Houston, Tex., is the talk of the streets. His drum majoring is superb.

Napoleon Johnson sends the following from Richards & Pringles Georgia Minstrels:—We are now in the land of Dooby houses and chili pepper and I must say business is enormous. We are being complimented on all sides for our fine five thousand dollar first part. The stage being boxed in with fine red plush curtains resembling a club and as every one is in full dress seated at tables covered with champaign bottles and glasses, with the electrical effects makes a very pretty setting. Clarence Powell, our stage manager and star is as popular as ever and his song hit "Never" is sung by old and young. The Von Tilzer Quartet composed of Charles Burton, Robert Williams, Dave Jackson and myself are one of the features of the olio and we are forced to take repeated encores. The other song hits are "Tell Me With Your Eyes," sung by Robert Williams "Sweet Adeline," by Charles Burton; "Chink of the Miser's Gold," by Dave Jackson, "What You Gwine Do When the Rent Comes 'Round," by Lester McDaniels. In the frist part "Get Happy" by James Crosby, the eccentric comedian, and in the olio he introduces "Don't Be So Mean" and "Everybody Works But Father" in his monologue. All the boys are well and each week look forward to the old reliable Freeman to keep in touch with our brother professionals. As we only have a few more western towns to make we wil soon turn and begin looking back east.

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Dr. M. A. Majors, whose "Major Melange" has scored a world of success in the many past years that it has appeared in this paper, will continue to brighten these columns with his very interesting lines.

Some of our columns will also be devoted to the best interests of the Head, Second and Side Waiters. These columns will be purely an education to the up-to-date waiter of the day.

The Woman's World, which has been so well recieved by our readers, will be a splendid feature in 1906. "Dorothy's" power as a writer of the womankind has become the equal of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox in mark of beauty. A woman who read an article in the proofs for the Woman s World, said: "Until now I never had any but a confused idea of what our women are doing and of what they could do to better their condition."

The World of Sports will be well taken care of by Mr. John L. Footslug, who has been right in the midst of it for years. Every kind of sport known will appear in these columns.

The Stage will come in for a great share of praise in the next twelve months It will be prettily illustrated. Newsy letters of the stage from New York, Chicago and other cities will appear each week. The Freeman's Gallery, a newly added feature, will also appear. Brief reviews will be published from the pen of Messrs. Carle B. Cooke, Sylvester Russell and others.

The Art Department will be well cared for by our able cartoonist, Mr. Garfield T. Haywood, who is at its head. Perhaps there are few young men who have gained more prominence than Mr. Haywood, through his remarkable talent as a cartoonist. This office has been deluged with letters praising his work. It is the intention of the management to steadily improve in the next twelve months, in our department of art.

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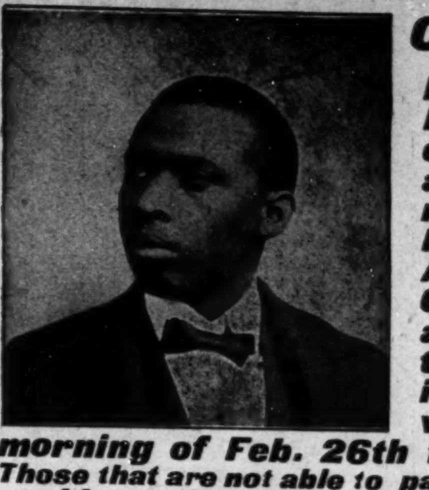

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So, never ask me "why?"

Oh! never ask me why I love the night,
And why the bright stars hold me in their spell,
For why I love, or how they give their light,
I can not tell—
So never ask me "why?"

Oh! never ask me why I'm fond of thee.—
We may be sure of much we can't explain!
I only know 'tis joy thy face to see,
To part is pain—
But, never ask me "why?"
—SAMUEL LOVER.

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Notes from the Porter Howard and Watson Rag-time Opera Company, with Baba Delgarian, at Havana, Cuba.—Mr. Delgarian has the honor of being the first manager to take three shows direct from America to Cuba, the Great London Ghost Show, Streets of Cairo, and the Rag-time Opera Company. With a Carnival Company we embarked from Tampa, Fla., January 21, and arrived at Havana, January 24. We were caught in a storm both nights but were lucky to land O. K. at Morro Castle We steamed into the harbor and dropped anchor along side the remains of the battle-ship Maine, which now stands about twenty feet out of water. We laid there for two hours and each member of the three shows had a photo taken on the wrecked Maine, There are only six members of our company but when we opened up for business February 1. the public thought there were sixty-six. We pack them to the doors at every performance with S, R. O., at 20 and 30 cents. Colored actors from the States are in demand over here. The following people make up the show: Mrs. Kate Porter, singing "Rufus Rastus Brown;" James Crawford, "I've Got to Get Some Money," Mrs. Nettie Howard, Billy Peter Porter' "Gone, Gone, Gone;" Edward L. Howard, "Ahoy Ship Ahoy!" with Charles H. Watson at the piano. There are great sights to be seen over here in Havana, but of all the great sights to be seen, The Freeman is the greatest of them all sights for "Mine." "Nuf Sed." Regards to all friends.

John Jones writes from Benbow's Old Plantation Minstrels.—We have just closed at our last stand in Florida and are making towns in Alabama that never saw or heard of a minstrel before. Charlie Spencer joined us at Pensacola, Fla. Alberta Benbow, our leading lady is scoring nightly, with her late hit, "Who's That Knocking at My Door." Thomas Lindsey and his comedy is still the talk of the jungles. Little Willie and Kid Frenchy, our kid comedians and coon shouters, are still receiving encores: Victoria Nance is still making good. William Benbow narrowly escaped death from an accidenta discharge of a shot gun, while hunting down in Florida, but he pulled through with only a few burns from the powder. Modis Thomas has an open challenge to all buck and wing dancers, who cuts seventy-five of his own. The Freeman is the only compan on while in the jungles, William Benbow and John Jones send regards to George Baker and all friends.

Fred Lewis, proprietor of the Big Sensational Georgia Plantation Company writes from Dunnellon, Fla.—We met A. G. Allen's Minstrels here and Joe Ravise, a member of their company was shot and killed for almost nothihg, by the marshall a white man, and his body left lying in the street for over three hours and then thrown in a box, nailed up, hurried away in a wagon and buried and no one dared to speak. But the show was booked here the following day and came back and the K. of P's gave him a lovely funeral; had him dug up, washed and dressed and put in a beautiful casket. The band and all turned out and gave him a swell burial, Our entire company paid our respects to the dead; turned out and suspended business for the day. I am proud to say that although they were booked here that night they refused to show and cancelled their engagement, making a decided impression We are here a week and doing a good business, but praying for the week to end that we may get away in safety.

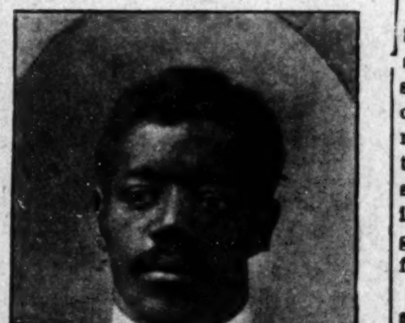
HIS "PAPPY" WAS TREASURER.

Tom Logan of the Rufus Rastus Company told the following story of Ernest Hogan the other day: Several years ago "Uncle Rube" as Mr. Hogan is called by his intimate friends, went to Bowling Green, Ky., to visit his mother, Ernest decided, after a pleasant ten days' sojourn on the scenes of his boyhood days, to return to New York City, as he had a bunch of summer engagements there. Calling his mother to him, he presented her a generously large roll of the coin of the realm, and Aunt Lou was profuse in her thanks.

Upon taking leave of her at the station next morning, Ernest noticed that his mother repeatedly referred to the church in fact it seemed that she was unusually worked up over something that had a direct relation to her church. This being her pet hobby, the son in an endeavor to console his mother said, "What is wrong with the church, mother? You told me nearly three years ago that vour church was out of debt." "Yes, I know I did my son," said Aunt Lou, "but your pappy died since then." "But how does that effect the church," asked Ernest. "Why, your pappy was treasurer!" she answered. Hogan's reply sounded something like "chow!" as he boarded the train.

COMPETENT MANAGER OF SMITH MINSTRELS

Robert C. White was born at New Orleans, November 22, 1879, and graduated from the Southern University in 1892. He was private secretary to Attorney McBryant in 1893-94. He then began the study of music and went to St. Louis in 1895; and after taking a few lessons on the piano, he went out with DeKreco Bros., All Star Minstrel and closed in five months. With the little capital accumulated Mr. White launched a concert company of fifteen people and traveled West into the territories. Rainy weather and a bad partner in advance caused the company to go to the wall. He went home the winter of


ROBERT C. WHITE.
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'97 teaching himself piano and cornet music and left with Payne's orchestra. Later he assumed the management of the Colored Baseball Park and met with much success, making baseball a leading sport for colored people and organized two female teams.

In 1903 he returned to the profession, joining Barkout's Old Plantation: the next year traveling with Mends's Plantation and Myer's Minstrel then rejoining Barkout Show. Mr. White wrote "My Black Belle Sue," and his latest hit just out is, "That's Bad Coon, That's Bad." Mr. White is now manager of the Mike Smith Minstrel, which has pleased more people than any other two shows under canvas has ever played the South. The show is the most elaborate and the grandest production ever seen under canvas. A hit from start to finish. A minstrel first part and a comical olio.

Notes from the Famous Kersands Minstrels.—We met many of our old friends in Virginia, and had an excellent time at Charleston, where our bandmaster, James Lacey is in business There was a grand ball given at the K, of P.'s new hall. It is a very fine structure, built in the heart of the city, three stories high, all occupied. W. O. Terry, has an elaborate drug store on the ground floor and there is also a large grocery store, doing a big business. At Montgomery we met another old friend that used to travel with us, Emmet Mason who is doing a nice business. Campbell Bros. send regards to all friends. We extend our most sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. L E. Houseley in their late bereavement, the loss of their son, Goldsborough, and daughter, Louella Houseley during the month of January. Mr. Houseley was well-known throughout the profession, having spent the greater part of his life in that line. He was an efficient bandmaster and was a complete success

THE FAT CHORUS GIRL.

A young woman belonging to the Smart Set Company grew so stout that she asked a Chicago physician to prescribe a method of losing flesh. The doctor drew up a careful dietary. She must eat dry toast, plain boiled beef, together with a few other things of the same sort, and was to report the result in a few weeks. On their return engagement to the city, she was so very fat, the practitioner was aghast.

"Did you eat what I told you?" he asked

"Religiously "

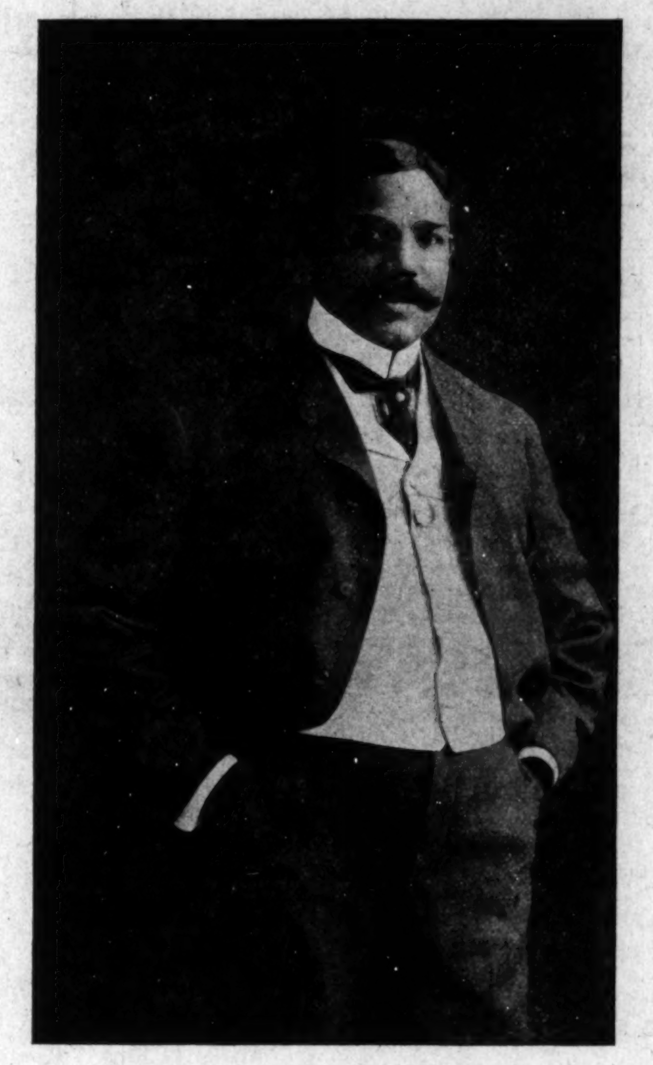
The brow of the medical man then wrinkled in perplexity. Suddenly he had an inspiration. "Did you eat any thing else?" he inquired.

"Why, my ordinary meals!' she answered.

If there were nothing more to the Black Patti presentation than Harry and Etheline Kraton and their educated hoops, the production would be well worth going to see, This, with Mr and Mrs Prampin in some remarkable cornet work, and the company as a whole, who can sing as only people of the colored race can sing, and who can dance as only such persons can dance, form an entertaining presentation. In the opening chorus of the second act when the scenes of a Southern plantation are depicted, James P Reed "Old Black Joe" and the house resounded with applause. Following this came Sissieretta Jones. (Black Patti) in "Old Man Moon," assisted by a chorus. Black Patti, who has been heard here numerous times, was compelled to respond to numerous encores during the evening. John Rucker, in a "coon" monologue, made a hit The production will be repeated this afternoon.—Terre Haute Morning Star.

Despite the fears to the contrary, Rufus Rastus scored a phenominal hit at the American Theatre. The house was filled from pit to dome Hogan received over $150 000 worth of flowers Various other members also received flowers.

The Carolinian Jubilee Singers, who have become so famous on account of their good work and deportment, will have severed their connection with the Glazier Lyceum Bureau after March 31, and are securing engagements on their own resources.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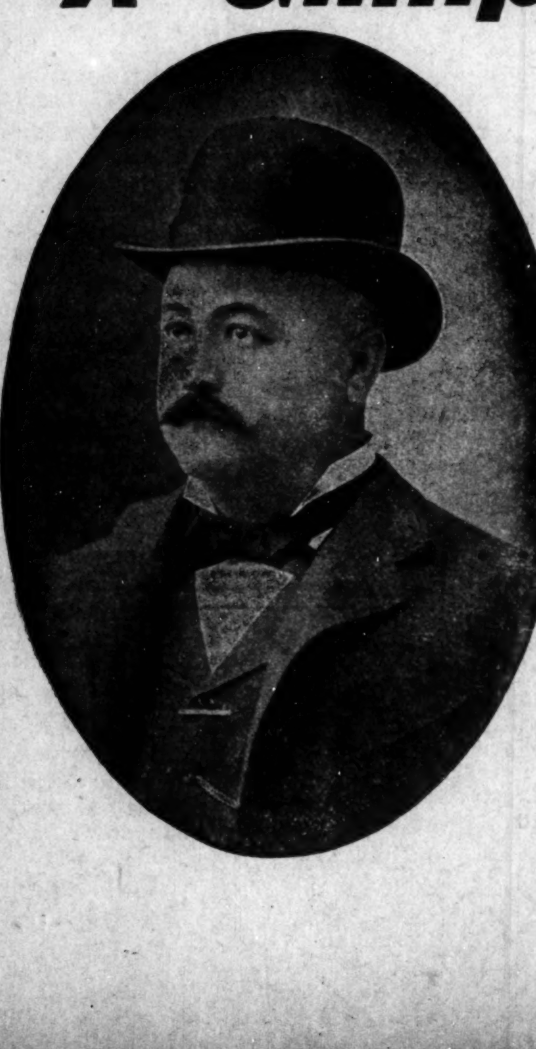

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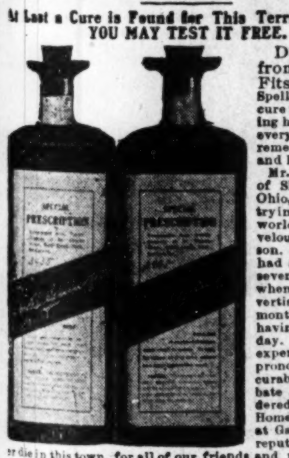

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GREATER NEW YORK LETTER

"ABYSSINIA" WILL HAVE A RUN IN THE METROPOLIS

I have just received a herald and preliminary announcement from Melville B. Raymonr announcing that: On Tuesday, February 20, he will present at the Majestic Theater (Broadway and 59th sts.) Messers. Williams and Walker (founders of, the new school of American comedy) with eighty associate artists, and an adequate production in their new spectacular ("comic opera") musical creation, "Abyssinia," (first time on any stage). Patrons of this beautiful play house will find much to amuse in the entertainment. Very truly, Melville B. Raymond. The authors of the book and lyrics of this stupendous play are Mr. J. A. Shipp and Mr. Alexander Rogers, respectively. As we have stated several times before the music for "Abyssinia" was composed and arranged by Prof. Will Marion Cook (The late Paul L. Dunbar's devoted friend) and a premier among our later-day American composers who lay any deserving claim to originality or genuine charm in their products of melodies and real harmony. Mr. Bert Williams and Prof. James Vaughn, of Cambridge, Mass., composed some of the incidental music. While Mr. Earle C. Jones, who wrote "Oh Say, Wouldn't Dot Be a Dream," (for Mr. E. Hogan) has written the additional lyrics used in William and Walker's new play. My readers will please watch the stage section of the Freeman for a detailed sketch of the work of the men in "'Abyssinia, Behind the Scenes," to appear in a future edition of this journal. It is to be hoped that our distinguished friends (Williams and Walker) have profited by the recent experience they have endured and possibly suffered in the postponement of their grand play. And we also hope that they are graeful to their Creator, who has showered so many blessings upon them in their several seasons of record success. Then, too, their additional cast and chorus are to be doubly congratulated for being so patient and so loyal to the two "stars," all during this turbulent winter of discontent, and long delay in unfolding this grand idea to an anxious and ever-alarming public. In my next letter I hope to happily record the complete artistic, financial and deserving success of our two "Royal Americans" and colored actors, as comedians: Bert A. Williams, George W. Walker and their supporting company of eighty performers.

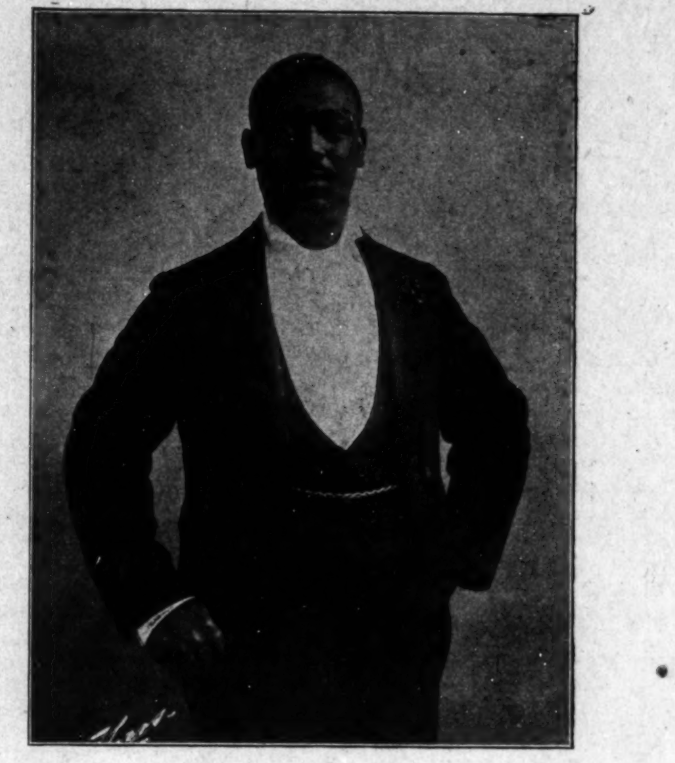
COMMENT.

On Friday week ocurred the funeral of Mrs. Mary Shipp, from the house of her celebrated brother and playwright, Mr. Jesse A. Shipp, at 18 W. 134th street, Harlem, N. Y. Mrs. Shipp was only ill a few days, having succumbed to the ravages of pneumonia, and at her death was about 30 years of age. Many elegant tributes were received from various friends in and out of the theatrical profession. Mary was the sunshine of the Shipp household and a young lady of accomplishment and a possessor of a sweet and amiable disposition. Her death has brought a deep gloom indeed to the Shipp's home. Our hearts go out in sympathetic regret, and we wish to speak only words of cheer to Mr. Shipp, his mother and all the bereaved family, in their sad and irrebreparable loss.

In the death of our famous American poet and author, Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar (at Dayton, O., Feb. 9) the world has lost one of its brightest literary stars, and the writer has lost one of his most devoted friends. As the press of the country has paid so many glowing tributes to his sadly short yet noted and valuable career—I will endeavor when in a brighter mood, to review the best of them—and include quotations from them in a sketch, I am preparing upon our illustrious Buckeye bard and his life's work. I hope some program can be arranged at a later date by the leading men and women of the country so that it will be possible for us to honor this noted author and poet, and if possible, celebrate in a fitting and appreciative way the anniversary of his birth. The nation and his (dear old devoted mother) as well as those of us in stagedom, have suffered the loss of a most sincere and brotherly man and constant friend is the sad demise of Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the gentleman, friend, brother, and manhood-champion, as well as a journalist, poet, author and scholarly literary star. Peace be to the ashes of our famous Dunbar. His name will live for ever!

Mr. Anthony D. Byrd.

Mr. Anthony D. Byrd, who is one of the most poplar Elks in the country, is the noted baritone who played so many successful seasons with The Black Adelina Patti (Mme. Jones) and her famous troubadours. Mr. Byrd knows a great deal about singing and harmony et cetera, and is one of the most reliable and capable all-round performers in the "Rufus Rastus extravaganza. Mr. Byrd is playing the "female" role of Angelica Newcombe in Rufus Rastus with very good success, and like his wife, Mrs. Sarah Green-Byrd, is a credit to Mr. Hogan and his amiable company. Mrs. Byrd is the lady who so many white papers have mentioned simply as the one who sang "Old Kentucky Home" so well, in the Levee scene, etc. Now, we think her work in this particular as well as in the sextette has earned for this devotted worker a space with the rest of the cast on the "Rufus Rastus" bill.



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Mrs. Laura Gilam, the wife of our clever young star performer, Harry L. Gillam, and sister-in-law of Mr. Alpheus Gillam, the noted little comedian with the Smart Set Co., is in New York, now residing at 26 W. 134th street, and will be pleased to hear from all friends at the above number.

"Rufus Rastus" Returns to Boston.

Mr. Ernest Hogan and his great company of colored artists, ho have just closed a record breaking three weeks' work here in the Metropolis in "Rufus Rastas," have left on their special train for Boston, Mass., where they are to play a second engagement at the Globe Theater. Mr. Harry Gillam, who was my guest here in New York, is still active stage-manager of the company. This was ascertained from final expressions of the management, Mr. George Harris, the star, Mr. Hogan and Mr. J. Ed. Green (the stage director). Mr. Green is now Mr. Hogan's leading legitimate support in the cast, so he has divided the responsibility of giving a good show to his friend and co-laborer, Mr. Harry L. Gillam, who is one of our best character actors, and a clever acrobatic comedian. Now, girls and boys, work on. Do your duty and obey your stage manager and you'll have something at the end of the season. It is bad to close with a show this time of year.

The vaudeville act known as "The Sunny South Co.," has been making a great hit in Greater New York lately, and are booked at the Alhambra Theater in Harlem this weeek. Last week they played in Brooklyn, and the week of Feb. 19th theq are booked to play at Mr. Oscar Hammerstein's famous Victoria Theater in Long Acre Square.

All friends and correspondents please address me to 42 W. 28th st., care of G. W. Walker,

CARLE BROWNE C. COOKE,
Eastern Journalist The Freeman,
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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS

By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

The famous Black Patti Company showed at the Park Theatre the first half of last week; evenings and matinees. The audiences were large and appreciative and somewhat remarkable for the solid character of people making them up. The show has made some changes since last season, and for the better. Yet there are those who think otherwise, basing their opinions on their individual conceptions of what a "colored" show should be rather than what the public as a whole wants. The featuring was more decided, clear cut, and by which the opportunity to do good individual work was increased The interspersing of high and low comedy including plantation scenes were notable and in keeping with the public demand as seen from the manager's viewpoint.

The operatic feature, a bit of Pinafore, was longer than heretofore and cleverly performed which was but another opportunity for good individual work. More songs were sung; the ensemble singing where the colored performers excel was especially good. Black Patti showed to advantage in ballad, plantation and operatic singing, proving the all around artist that she is. Patti is a good singer a pleasing acceptable singer because of her versatility, singing a coon song or operatic avia with equal ease. Madame Jones wore a handsome costume of elegance, fresh from the costumer. She was resplendent with diamonds and pearls indicative of her stage prosperity.

John Rocker the Alabama blossom, showed up in his old form; a good up-to date comedian; one who represents a type of old Negro as faithfully as does Dudley of the Smart Set, but of a different class. The turn with John Green, the Virginian mammy was about as good as they get to be. For a downright artistic triumph the first place belongs to the Kratons, husband and wife, who did some "impossibilities" with the hoops. These wizards compelled the hoops to do anything, everything except talk. The Krattons live in Brooklyn where they have recently purchased an excellent home The Pramplans, husband and wife are another pair of clever performers, instrumentalists, who used a number of musical instruments with great skill. The valveless bugle blowing was considered their most difficult feat. They excel as cornetists. Mrs. Pramplan in execution ranks readily with the great cornetists of today.

Charles C Bongia, leading tenor has a good voice and gave excellent support to Madame Jones in the operatic selection. His organ-grinding feature was very pleasing Richard Barrett, baritone is the greatest that has happened this way for years. His voice is of the richest purest quality, James P. Reed basso is deserving special mention. He has a voice of splendid quality. John Green as the Virginian mammy was a hit. He is a clever actor. Will Cook, the Indianapolis boy has a somewhat new conception of the tramp. Never a dull moment when he was on.

Mattie Phillips sings a good coon song, dances better, did a graceful bit of skirt dancing, serpentine effect. The Indian and Japanese characterization was pretty and helped very much to give variety and buoyancy to the show. Sydney Perrin, the well-known musical composer played successfully the part of one of the kids: Al. F. Watts, stage manager played equally as well the other kid character. The show was notably good from beginning to end. It was particularly clean, presenting no phase to which exceptions could have been taken. The management apparently has in mind the steady elevation of the Negro show to the point of individualism and merit that will simply characterize it as others of the same class.

John Jones writes from the Benbow's Old Plantation Minstrel.—William Benbow and Wilbur Freeney have closed contracts with all the Southern Parks for summer attractions, and will open in Mobile the first of April. The show is making good throughout the South. Thomas Lindsey is still making them laugh. William Benbow is still receiving congratulations on every hand for the way he handles his people. Alberta Benbow is making a great hit with one of her latest "coon" songs, "Tennessee." Bud Jones is still popular with his fine baritone solos. Our twin kids are still making the audience roar. Regards to all.

Notes from F. H. Eberhardt Minstrels.—We are still playing to good business in Mississippi Our manager Mr. Eberhardt says that we will soon start North. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Grover are still holding thhir own in their sketch; Mrs. Blanche Beechum, our soubret is making a hit singing, "I've Told It All, Babe." Our stage manager is still holding the end with "Nobody." We showed at Hattiesburg Miss, in the new colored opera house Regards to the profession and all Indianapolis friends.

Notes from Millican's Minstrel Company.—We have a twelve piece band that is cleaning up everywhere they go. Grace Jones and Andrew Smith are taking the house by storm. Sam Davis, Billy Arnte and Will Jackson are holding their own.

Bobby Kemp and Jennie Pearl have finished a five weeks' engagement on the Orpheum Circuit and returned to Chicago.

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RACE GLEANINGS

William Harden of Quincy, Fla, is the only colored man in the South who owns and operates an electric and ice plant for lighting the town and supplying ice.

Stephen Bates, an Afro-American, has been chief of police and sheriff of Vergennes, Vermont, for twenty-six consecutive years. He is a Virginian by birth and is sixty-four years of age.

In 1905 Afro-Americans of Virginia owned 1,292 691 acres of land, about one-nineteenth of the total acreage of the State. Their land with the buildings thereon were assessed at $9,311,772.

It is likely that Congress will vote to change the name of Pierce Place, Washington, to Wheeler Place in honor of Gen. Joe Wheeler. The thoroughfare is occupied almost exclusively by colored people.

Prof. C A. Dorsey of Brooklyn. N Y., has been invited by the Hon Bird S. Coler, president of the Borough of Brooklyn, to serve as a member of a committee of one hundred to act as the Borough President's Advisory Council. He has accepted.

Mrs. Georgia DeBaptiste Faulkner of Monrobia, Liberia, is in this country, and will deliver a series of lectures in the interest of the Liberian College, and will try to remove some of the wrong impressions that have gained currency to Liberia's detriment.

William Bruyn, a Negro coachman, and Francis Courter, a white girl, were marreid in Newburg, N. Y., recently. Upon the return of the couple to their home in Washingtonville the angry villagers threatened to lynch Bruyn, and he and the girl were placed in jail for protection.

The Italian Brotherhood of Newport, R. I, at their annual meeting elected as their physician for the year 1906 Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland, a colored man, who won so much fame some months ago through a delicate operation performed upon Miss Walsh, daughter of the multi millionaire.

Lawyer A B. Cosey has prepared a bill for introduction in the New Jersey Legislature providing that there shall be no segregation of Afro-American pupils in the public schools of that State. Mr. Cosey is a graduate of Howard University, and is enjoying a lucrative practice at Newark.

Theodore Bell of New York, steward of Wilson Marshall's yacht, Atlantic, has sailed for Genoa. He will have charge of the yacht during its four months' cruise in the Mediteranean. Mr. Bell was complimented by King Edward in the last international race for the perfection of his department.

The Lake City Index says more than a dozen farmers are members of the Columbia County Cotton Growers Association of Florida and are attending its meetings besides holding their cotton. D. J. Cunningham of Pensacola owns $4,000 worth of the association's stock and has real estate valued at $5,000.

The Republican Inter State League, an association of Negro citizens of the District of Columbia, organized in the last campaign, has issued a protest against the passage of measures introduced in Congress which provide for the reduction of representation. The officers of the League are H. A. Clarke, Thomas Beckett, Samuel Jones, Benjamin L. Gaskint, C. H. Hemans and William W. Russell.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the American Trust and Savings Bank, Jackson, Miss. S. M. Brinkley, a rising and energetic young man, who is well known throughout the South, was elected cashier for the ensuing year. Mr. L. K. Atwood was re-elected president and Perry W. Howard of the firm of Beadle & Howard, was elected attorney. The bank declared a dividend of twenty per cent.

A painting that is receiving much favorable comment is the portrait of Dr. Booker T. Washington on exhibition at the rooms of the colored Y M. C. A., 252 W. 531 street, New York City. The dimensions of this portrait are 3½x4½ feet, and is the work of an Afro-American artist, J. Richard Thompson, who presented the portrait to the association. Mr. Thompson's paintings have hung at different art exhibitions during the past year, and have received creditable mention by the critics

Carrie Nation was holding a prohibition meeting recently at Paul's Valley, I. T., when an Afro-American entered the church and took a seat. One of the deacons immediately ordered him to take a rear seat or leave He left. While Rev. M. S. Allen, who was assisting in the meeting, went after the man to bring him back, Mrs. Nation asked that all who objected to having an Afro-American in their midst should leave the house. They all left. Later Rev Allen was beaten almost insensible by a white mob. This happened in "civilized America."

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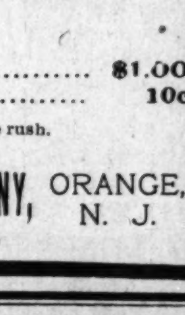

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The E. B. Delaney Missionary Society held memorial services for the late Mrs. Susan Crow.

Attorney J. H. Lott has been appointed by Judge Alford to defend White, who is accused of the murder of Harry Williams.

The collection at the services at the Second Baptist church Sunday was $62 69, of which $5 01 was for the Y. M. C. A.

Have you heard about the dinner that the Arcadian Club will serve Sunday at their Home Bakery, 1204 North West street? Come and see us.

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J E. Moorland will give an illustrated talk on "The Progress of the Colored Y. M. C. A. in the United States," at the entertainment at Bethel church March, 1. The board of directors will give a chorus; solos by George L. Knox A. C. Bybee and others. Admission 5 cents. Supper will be served by the men. All ladies interested in the Y. M. C. A. are requested to be present at the rooms Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Moorland will make an address.

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MINEOLA, TEX.

Miss Vergel Hayes was badly burned last week. While standing in front of the fire-place she caught fire. Her mother was slightly burned while trying to put the blaze out.—The death of the infant of Isaac Walton occurred last week.—Jack McCullough of Mississippi is here very ill —Elias Rickard died last week. Relatives from Swan attended the funeral.

KEOKUK, IA.

The Seventh Street Baptist church is holding an interesting revival The pastor Rev. Smothers has secured the assistance of the Cuban evangelist —Ed Scott and Mr. Weaver continue ill. Colored men are putting up ice for a firm at St. Louis.—The A. M. E. church held special services Lincoln Day.—The funeral of Mrs. Clara Davis was largely attended.

COLUMBIA, TENN.

The Columbia base ball team for this season will be under the direct management of Ellis Harris. It is reported that only professionals will be admitted but that a few of last year's team will be retained.—The funeral of Clarence Perkins, was held February 11 at St Paul A. M. E. church It was largely attended and the floral offerings were beautiful.—Frank Gray has gone to Detroit, Mich —Frank Deniman and Ishman Morris of Memphis, Tenn., are the guests of Mrs. Bettie Webster.—Si Moore died last Wednesday. Funeral services were held at Beech Grove —Miss Lizzie Fergerson and James Dunlap were quietly married February, 10. They will reside in Chicago.—Quarterly conference will be held at St Paul A. M. E. church tomorrow.—Mrs. Mary Harris died Friday of last week of consumption at her home in Macedonia.—Invitations are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mrs. Nannie W Embry and J. D. Mosley, February 28, at Birmingham, Ala.—The Knights of Pythias will give a minstrel next month.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. C. H. Johnson, pastor; preaching 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

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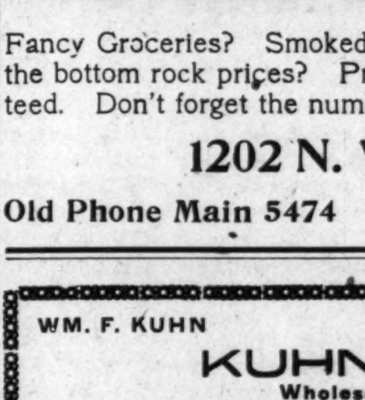

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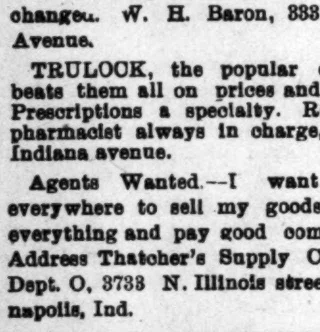

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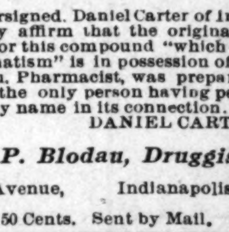

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